3rd August 1932]

Famine Insurance Fund

Utilization of the Famine Relief Fund.

89 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the amount available is under the Famine Relief Fund;

(*b*) whether the Government will place on the table the reply received to the communication addressed by them to the Government of India about utilizing the Famine Insurance Fund; and

(*c*) whether the difficulties in the working of the Famine Code were ever brought to the attention of the Government of India?

A.—(*a*) According to the latest information available the balance in the Famine Relief Fund on the 31st March 1932 is Rs. 54·58 lakhs.

(*b*) No communication was addressed by this Government to the Government of India about utilizing the Famine Relief Fund.

(*c*) The Government do not know what the difficulties in the working of the Famine Code to which the hon. Member refers are.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the member.]

II.—HOUSE COMMITTEE.

* The hon. the President:—" I have to inform the House that the following eight candidates were nominated for election to the House Committee:—

(1) Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan.

(2) Mrs. K. Alamelumangathayaramma.

(3) Mr. V. T. Arasu.

(4) Mr. A. V. Bhanoji Rao.

(5) Mr. F. G. Luker.

(6) Mr. M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar.

(7) Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder.

(8) Mr. T. Sundara Rao Nayudu.

" Of these Messrs. V. T. Arasu and F. G. Luker have withdrawn their candidature.

" As the remaining number of candidates nominated for election is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely, six, I hereby declare them duly elected.

" In addition to the above I nominate under Standing Order 84—

(1) Mr. F. G. Luker

(2) Mr. H. M. Jagannatham

to be Members of the said Committee.

" The Deputy President is ex officio Chairman of the Committee."